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To: All Field Offices

From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: *Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations 2003*

**Program Area:** Wildland Fire and Aviation Management

**Purpose:** This Instruction Memorandum (IM) transmits and documents *Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations 2003* [Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Handbook 9213-1].

**Policy/Action:** This handbook states, references, or supplements BLM fire and fire aviation management operations policy for the 2003 fire season. Where possible, this document incorporates interagency fire management standards. This handbook supplements the BLM Manual 9200 sections and the Departmental Manual (910 DM).

**Timeframe:** This IM is effective upon receipt.

**Background:** These standards reflect a commitment to safe and efficient fire management operations that cannot be addressed as a direct budget element. Effective implementation of these standards will have a positive impact on the budget by ensuring that fire and fire aviation operations are performed in accordance with established policy.

**Manual/Handbook Sections Affected:** This handbook supplements the BLM Manual 9213, *Fire Presuppression*.

**Coordination:** The Washington Office, State Offices, and outside agencies were contacted for input. This was developed with input from all State Fire Management Officers and cooperating fire management agencies.

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*Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations 2003*

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